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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING AN EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29 THE GOS RELEASED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AGAINST SPANISH PROPERTY IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ALSO REJECTING FIRMLY OFFICIAL VIEWS ON EXECUTIONS OF TERRORISTS EXPRESSED BY SOME FOREIGN GOVTS. THE STATEMENT NOTES OFFICIAL PORTUGUESE APOLOGY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST SPANISH EMBASSY, RESIDENCE AND CONSULATES, BUT STIPULATES THAT, IN ABSENCE OF GUARANTEES FOR SAFETY OF PERSONNEL, AMBASSADOR AND STAFF, EXCEPT FOR ONE OFFICER ACTING AS CHARGE, HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT RECONSIDERATION. UNDER RIGHT-WING PRESSURE GOS HAS APPROVED APPEAL ISSUED BY MADRID'S MAYOR FOR MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR GOVT ON OCT 1. PREMIER ARIAS IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE TELEVISED SPEECH SEPT 30. AT THE UN SPANISH AMBASSADOR DELIVERED A BRISTLING NOTE TO SECGEN REJECTING MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CALL FOR SPAIN'S SUSPENSION AND TERMING ECHEVERRIA UNFIT (BECAUSE OF HIS PAST) TO MAKE SUCH JUDGEMENTS. PRESS SAYS UNGA PRES THORN AND SOME EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS HAVE REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO LEAVE HALL WHEN SPANISH FONMIN CORTINA SPEAKS SEPT 30. AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND HAVE ALSO RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS. EC IS REPORTEDLY STUDYING RECOMMENDATION BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT THAT RELATIONS WITH SPAIN BE "FROZEN". SPANISH PRESS CONTINUES FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OF EUROPEAN REACTION TO EXECUTIONS, AND INTERNAL REACTION THERETO INCLUDING REPORTED ATTACKS AGAINST FRENCH AND ITALIAN CONSULATES OR AIRLINE OFFICES IN VALENCIA AND BARCELONA. END SUMMARY

1. PREMIER ARIAS CHAIRED EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING SEPT 29 TO CONSIDER SITUATION CREATED BY WORLD REACTION TO EXECUTION OF FIVE CONVICTED TERRORISTS. FOLLOWING MEETING, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM RELEASED STATEMENT WITH FOLLOWING KEY POINTS:

A. GOS HAD STUDIED REPORTS OF VIOLENCE TO SPANISH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN CITIES AS WELL AS RANDOM DESTRUCTION. ANTI-SPANISH MOTIVES WERE USED AS PRETEXT IN MANY CASES TO CAMOUFLAGE RADICAL REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS.

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B. GOS WAS NOT INTIMIDATED BY PUBLICLY EXPRESSED OFFICIAL ATTITUDES OF SOME COUNTRIES AND REAFFIRMED SOVEREIGNTY OF SPANISH PEOPLE.

C. GOVT NOTED EXPLANATION OF PORTUGUESE GOVT FOR THE "ASSUALT, SACKING AND BURNING" OF THE EMBASSY, RESIDENCE, AND CONSULATES IN LISBON AND, FOLLOWING THE EXPRESSION OF GUARANTEES OFFERED BY GOP, THE FURTHER "ASSUALT AND SACKING"

OF THE CONSULATE IN OPORTO. IN THE ABSENCE OF "ADEQUATE GUARANTEES", THEREFORE, THE GOS WITHDREW ITS AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF, LEAVING A CHARGE, UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT RECONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE.

2. MADRID MAYOR GARCIA LOMAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION SEPT 30 CALLING ON ALL CITIZENS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVT IN THE PLAZA DEL ORIENTE OCT 1. GARCIA LOMAS PROTESTED AGAINST "ATTACKS AGAINST SPAIN AND ITS SOVEREIGNTY BY THE CUSTOMARY ENEMIES OF OUR FATHERLAND AND OUR LIBERTY". THIS HARKENS BACK TO 1946 WHEN FRANCO WAS ACCLAIMED IN THE LARGEST POST-CIVIL WAR DEMONSTRATION (AT PLAZA DEL ORIENTE) WHEN THE UN PASSED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SPAIN CAUSING MANY NATIONS TO WITHDRAW AMBASSADORS. ACCORDING TO A KEY OFFICIAL IN PRESIDENCY, THE MAYOR'S APPEAL RESPONDS TO MASSIVE RIGHT-WING PRESSURE ON GOVT TO DEMONSTRATE POPULAR REJECTION OF FOREIGN CRITICISM OF SPAIN. THIS DEMONSTRATION MAY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RIGHT-WINGERS TO EXERCISE THEIR MUSCLE, AND SOME LIBERALS HERE ARE CONTEMPLATING MAKING THEMSELVES SCARCE FOR THE DAY.

3. SPANISH AMBASSADOR DE PINIES DELIVERED NOTE TO UNSYG SEPT 30 REJECTING DEMANDS OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S LETTER TO UNSYG THAT SPAIN BE SUSPENDED FROM UN. HE ALSO RAKED ECHEVERRIA OVER THE COALS FOR THE SHOOTING OF THE STUDENTS IN THE ZOCALO IN 1968 AND QUOTED PHILIP AGEE'S DESCRIPTION OF ECHEVERRIA AS A CIA AGENT. LOCAL PRESS SPECULATES THAT COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY UNDER PRESIDENCY OF SWEDEN BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, MIGHT ADOPT ANTI-SPANISH RESOLUTION BUT NOT RECOMMEND SUSPENSION. SPANISH FONMIN IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS UNGA SEPT 30 AND LOCAL MEDIA REPORT THAT UNGA PRESIDENT THORN, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADORS FROM SOME OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PERHAPS STILL OTHERS FROM THIRD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD, HAVE DECIDED TO WALK OUT OF HALL. COMMENTATORS ALSO NOTE THAT THE DAMAGE DONE TO SPAIN'S IMAGE IN WORLD ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE HELPFUL IN RESOLVING THE VITAL ISSUED OF DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAHARA.

4. FURTHER TO REFTEL SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND THE GDR HAVE ALSO REPORTEDLY RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS FOR CONSULTATION. EC IN BRUSSELS IS REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO DECIDE OCTOBER 1 WHETHER OR NOT TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATION IN REPORT PREPARED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK TO "FREEZE" CURRENT TALKS WITH THE GOS ON THE RENEWAL OF 1970 AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES IN OCTOBER, 1976.

5. SPANISH PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO WORLD REACTION TO EXECUTION OF FIVE CONVICTED TERRORISTS,

AND ANTI-SPANISH CHARACTER -- NOT MERELY ANTI-FRANCO -- OF ATTACKS. CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATORS ARE RINGING THE CHARGES OF XENOPHOBIA. EVEN THE INDEPENDENT AND ANTI-REGIME "YA" QUOTES THE PRIMATE OF HOLLAND, CARDINAL ALFRINK, AS SAYING THAT "SITUATION IN SPAIN HAD BEEN JUDGED IN HOLLAND IN SOMEWHAT OF A UNILATERAL MANNER", ADDING THAT "18 ASSASSINATED POLICEMEN, THEIR WIVES, AND ORPHANS HAVE BEEN EASILY FORGOTTEN."

6. THERE HAVE BEEN ISOLATED ATTACKS AGAINST SOME FOREIGN INSTALLATIONS IN SPAIN. FRENCH CONSULATE IN VALENCIA, AIR FRANCE OFFICE IN BARCELONA, AND ITALIAN CONSULAR AGENCY IN ALICANTE HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN ATTACKS. MFA DIRGEN FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS TOLD CHARGE SEPT 29 THAT FRENCH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THREATS. MFA DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL AFFAIRS TOLD POL/MIL COUNSELOR THAT SPAIN FACED CRISIS COMPARABLE TO POST-WORLD WAR II CRISIS AND RISKED BECOMING ISOLATED IN EUROPE AGAIN LEAVING THE EXTREME RIGHT A FREE HAND IN SPAIN. ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, THE REAL VICTIMS OF EUROPEAN PROTEST WAVE WERE MODERATE FORCES IN SPAIN. DIRGEN EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL HOPE THT THE U.S. MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO FIND SOME WAY TO GET ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO REALIZE THAT BY PUTTING SPAIN IN THE DOCK THEY HELPED SPANISH EXTREMISTS GAIN THE UPPER HAND.  
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